



Park County Sheriff's Office



2014 Annual Report

Scott A. Steward, Sheriff

"Service, Safety, Security"

A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF SCOTT A. STEWARD

To the citizens of Park County:

The year 2014 was certainly an eventful year for the men and woman of the Park County Sheriff's Office. We experienced our share of triumphs and personal tragedies; from a major homicide investigation, to the loss of two beloved former deputies, to the recovery of the victims of a small plane crash in the winter back country. And as always, our personnel continued to perform at an exceptionally high level with compassion, professionalism and commitment.

The investigation of the Little Sand Coulee homicide continues and I can assure you that our people will not rest until the perpetrators are brought to justice. Our Search and Rescue volunteers performed admirably throughout the year but no more so than their determination to recover the bodies of the plane crash victims bringing closure for the families. Our detention and dispatch staff continues to perform at an unparalleled pace, providing you with the utmost security and customer service. I have nothing but high praise for the men and women of the Park County Sheriff's Office.

I would also be remiss if I didn't express my appreciation to you for bestowing in me the confidence to continue as your sheriff for the next four years. I promise to uphold my oath of office to support, obey, and defend the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of Wyoming, while enforcing the law in a firm but fair and impartial manner over the course of my administration.

The Park County Sheriff's Office remains committed to its mission, which is to "promote public trust and provide service, safety and security to those we are sworn to serve." We will continue on our promise to keep you informed regarding trending crimes, enforcement and safety programs, community outreach and general information regarding Park County and the activities of your sheriff's office. We will also continue to be proactive in our use of social media to better inform and educate our residents.

And we look forward to continuing this service into 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Steward". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "A".

Scott A. Steward
Sheriff, Park County, Wyoming

PATROL DIVISION

MAJOR INCIDENTS - For the Park County Sheriff's Office Patrol and Investigative Divisions, the year 2014 began with their most sensationalized case. On January 9, 2014 at 11:58 a.m., the Park County 911 Communications Center received a report of a body discovered on Little Sand Coulee Road approximately 1.5 miles west of Highway 294 east of Clark, Wyoming. Deputies from the Park County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Land Management and agents from the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation immediately responded to the scene. The reporting



party, a 40-year-old Cody resident, advised he was hunting ducks in the area with his son when they came upon the body. The body was located in a creek drainage approximately 10-12 feet off of the north side of Little Sand Coulee Road. The body was decapitated and otherwise severely mutilated. The head of the victim has yet to be recovered. The victim was described as a Hispanic or Native American male, estimated to be less than six feet tall, weighing between 180 and 200 pounds with a "stocky" build. The victim was later identified by Park County Sheriff's detectives as Juan Antonio Guerra Torres (pictured), a native of Guanajuato, Mexico. Guerra Torres, 30 years old at the time of his death, also had ties to the Park County area. His last known address was in Clark, Wyoming which is some 10 miles from where the body was discovered. According to the final report from the forensic pathologist, Torres died of multiple gunshot wounds and the dismemberment occurred post-mortem. Despite being over a year old, the case is still being actively investigated with several "persons of interest" being identified.

Another high-profile event that occurred in Park County in 2014 was the annual Hell's Angels National "Run" (biker parlance) that took place in July. An estimate 400-500 club members arrived in Cody for their week-long annual meeting on July 29. The sheriff's office cancelled all

scheduled leave for its personnel and deployed 100 percent of its manpower during the week-long event. Patrol deputies also rode two deputies per car during certain shifts. Thanks to interagency cooperation between the sheriff's office, Cody Police Department, Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation, Bureau of Land Management and Wyoming Highway Patrol, there were no major incidents and very few arrests during the entire week. Despite the heightened security, patrol deputies continued to respond to all routine calls for service during the week.



IN MEMORIUM - During 2014, the Park County Sheriff family lost two former deputies.



On August 28th we learned of the death of long-time detention Deputy Robert Brown. Deputy Brown retired from the department on May 31, 2011 after 28 years of service. Bob was a cornerstone of the department for all his years. Blessed with a near photographic memory, Bob was able to converse with inmates he encountered both frequently and infrequently while they were under his care. He assisted patrol deputies with numerous investigations of ongoing crimes as well. Our department lost a true friend and professional.



On October 27, former and long-time Park County Sheriff Bill Brewer also passed away due to heart complications. He was 76 years of age. Bill served as Park County Sheriff from 1973 to 1986 and again from 1991 until his retirement in January 2003. His four-decade long career in law enforcement started with the Powell Police Department in 1960. Bill Brewer was well-respected within the community. He was an outstanding citizen, dedicated public servant and wonderful friend, and he will truly be missed.

PERSONNEL - Patrol deputies are primarily responsible for providing public safety by maintaining order, responding to emergencies, protecting people and property, enforcing motor vehicle and criminal laws, and promoting good community relations. On July 12, 2014, Sheriff Steward reassigned Deputy Justin Kroeker to the department's patrol division. Deputy Kroeker was reassigned from the Park County Detention Facility and was assigned to the Cody District. His assignment was the result of a personnel rotation which resulted in no additional hiring.



TRAINING - In March of 2014, local law enforcement from across Park County participated in an "active shooter rapid response" scenario at the old Powell High School building on North Evarts Street. Hosted by the Powell Police Department, officers from the Park County Sheriff's Office, Bureau of Land Management and Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation also took part in the exercise. An active shooter is defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as "an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and



populated area. In most cases, active shooters use firearm(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims. The definition of active shooter includes so-called "school shootings" and "snipers", but not usually suicide bombers. Active shooters have caused a paradigm shift in law enforcement training and tactics because the victims are not necessarily expected to escape

or even survive these situations. Therefore, law enforcement must employ a more aggressive response strategy. Moreover, most active shooter cases have occurred in locations where the shooter has been undeterred and unobstructed from carrying out their attack. The incident locations have often been described as soft targets with limited active security measures or armed personnel to provide protection for members of the public. The local training scenario employed a number of tactics to make the situation as real as possible for the officers. Employees of the

sheriff's office acted as aggressors while volunteers from Northwest College depicted students, running and screaming from the building. The Powell Fire Department also deployed smoke generators and "man-down" alarms as officers made entry to the building; all intended to make the scenario as real as possible for responding officers.

PATROL ACTIVITY - Patrol deputies continue to serve the citizens of Park County in the manner to which they have come to expect; with pride, compassion, and professionalism. In 2014, the patrol division responded to over 10,000 calls for service during 2014. These included over 2,500 motor vehicle inspections, 1,900 civil paper services, 700 traffic stops, 800 animal calls, 420 warrant service attempts, 300 felony and misdemeanor arrests, 100 motor vehicle crash investigations, 300 criminal investigations and nearly 1,000 non-criminal investigations. All of this activity was accomplished by 14 full-time patrol deputies who are responsible for patrolling nearly 7,000 square miles of rural Park County. That equates to an average of 715 calls for service handled by each deputy during the year.



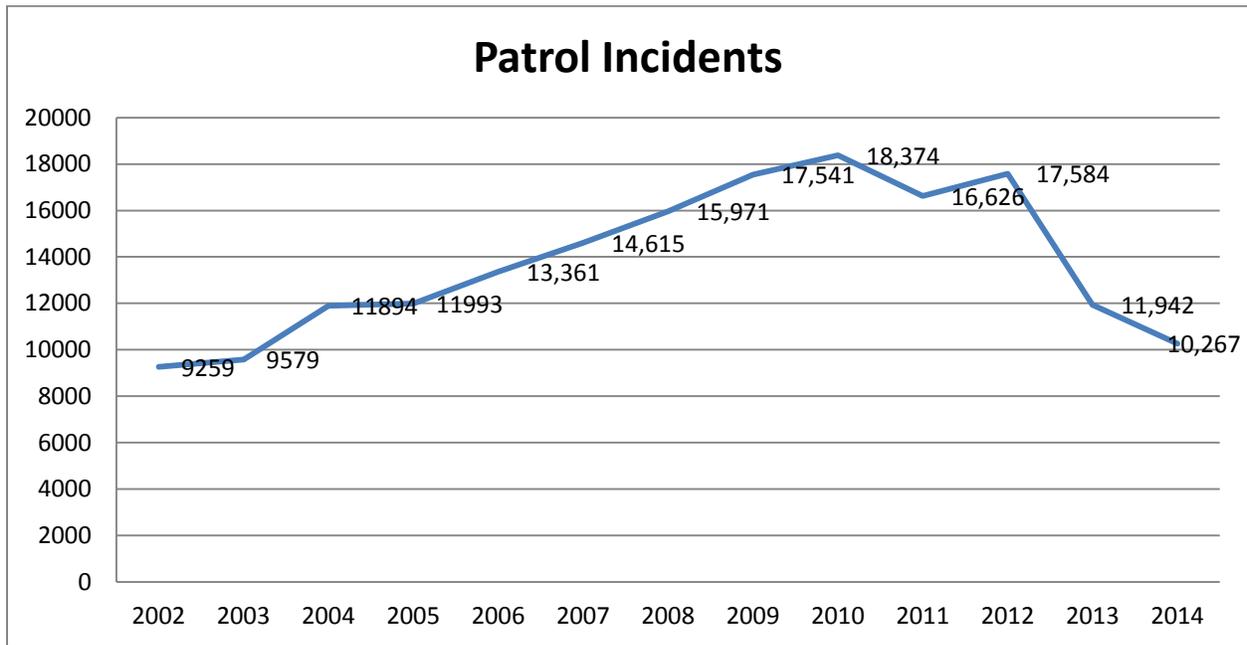
Overall, the data indicates a 14 percent decline in patrol incidents from 2013. As previously stated in the 2013 Annual Report, much of the significantly larger decline the year prior (32% decline) can be attributed to a change in record keeping and several procedural changes during



2013. Administrative time (time spent completing incident or case reports; follow up investigatory activity; or contacting residents to inform them of the progress on their incidents) were factored in to existing incidents, rather than creating separate incidents for this time. Moreover, the detention facility now tracks and monitors all routine prisoner transportations to and from detention for court

appearances. Road deputies only transport prisoners to and from facilities outside of Park County. This simple change in policy accounted for a 67 percent reduction in the number of

prisoner transports on paper. These changes in record keeping continued to be refined in 2014 and may account for a portion of the decline in patrol incidents. Moreover, case investigations, which take significantly more time to complete, increased 6 percent in 2014 as did civil service attempts by 4 percent. Finally, a decline in patrol incidents is not necessarily a negative. Calls for service also declined which indicates a possible decline in criminal activity.



INCIDENTS

Total Patrol Incidents	10,267
Calls for Service Incidents	6,024
Officer Initiated Incidents	4,243
Traffic Stops	701
Business/Building/Vehicle Checks	36
Field Interviews	5
Other Incidents	3,542

ARRESTS

Total Arrests	309
Misdemeanor Arrests	234
Felony Arrests	75

CASE INVESTIGATIONS

Total Case Investigations	1,395
Vehicle Accident Investigations	111
Criminal Investigations	291
Non-Criminal Investigations	991
Unclassified Investigations	2

WARRANTS

New Warrants Received	615
New Circuit/District Court Warrants	615
Warrants Closed	442

VIN INSPECTIONS

Total VIN Inspections	2,480
VIN Inspection Fees Collected *	\$24,800.00

CIVIL SUMMONS

Total Service Attempts	1,892
Total Served	776
Total Attempts with No Service	1,116
Civil Service Fees Collected *	\$26,639.21

CITATIONS

Total Citations Issued	303
Misdemeanor Criminal Citations	55
Traffic Citations	232
Parking Citations	0
Unclassified	16

* Fees collected are returned to the county general fund

PATROL INCIDENTS BY TYPE

INCIDENT TYPE		INCIDENT TYPE	
911 HANG UP CALL	76	MEDICAL TRANSPORT	1
ABANDONED VEHICLE	52	MESSAGE DELIVERY	7
ADMINISTRATIVE DUTY	11	MISCELLANEOUS ASSISTANCE	374
ALARM-INTRUSTION/HOLDUP	147	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH	146
AMBULANCE-DEPUTY ASSIGNED	10	NCIC WARRANT ENTRY	282
ANIMAL-BITE	13	NOTIFY CITY DEPARTMENTS	80
ANIMAL-DECEASED	5	OPEN DOOR/WINDOW	14
ANIMAL-LOST	182	OTHER ACCIDENT	2
ANIMAL-NOISY	4	OTHER LAW VIOLATIONS	30
ANIMAL-OTHER	161	PARKING PROBLEM	12
ANIMAL-ON ROADWAY	217	PATROL-EXTRA	69
ANIMAL-STRAY	215	PERSON LOST	4
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	594	PHONE RELATED COMPLAINT	8
ASSAULT	11	PRISONER TRANSPORT	22
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	28	PROBATION CHECK	1
AUTO BURGLARY	2	PROBATION VIOLATION	6
BAD CHECK COMPLAINT	1	PROPERTY DAMAGE	88
BARWALK	29	PROPERTY FOUND	51
BODY FOUND	13	PROPERTY LOST	43
BOMBCALL	1	PROTECTION ORDER	36
BUILDING BURGLARY	22	PROWLER	11
COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICES	1	REDDI REPORT	69
CHILD WELFARE	18	ROAD HAZARD/BLOCKAGE	76
CITIZEN/BUSINESS CONTACT	42	RUNAWAY JUVENILE	7
CIVIL ATTEMPTS	1,873	SEARCH AND RESCUE CALL	26
CIVIL DISPUTE	67	SECURITY CHECK	22
CIVIL STANDBY	33	SEXUAL ASSAULT	7
COMPUTER CRIME	1	SEXUAL OFFENDER NOTIFICATION	6
CUSTODY DISPUTE	16	SEXUAL OFFENDER RECORD	26
DISTURBANCE	64	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	44
DOMESTIC	66	SEX OFFENDER REPORTING	85
DRILL/EXERCISE	1	SPECIAL INCIDENT- Undefined	9
DRUGS RELATED	16	STOLEN LICENSE PLATES	1
ESCORT – MISCELLANEOUS	1	STOLEN VEHICLE	8
EXTRA PATROL REQUEST	27	SUICIDE ATTEMPT/THREATS	12
EXPLOSIVES DISPOSAL	1	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	151
FIRE CALL-DEPUTY ASSIGNED	12	SEARCH WARRANT	3

FIREWORKS COMPLAINT	9	THEFT	90
FLAGDOWN OF DEPUTY	26	THREATS	20
FOLLOWUP INVESTIGATION	128	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	84
FORGERY	2	TRAFFIC STOP	701
FRAUD RELATED	33	TRAINING/ INSTRUCTION	21
HARASSMENT	43	TRESPASS COMPLAINT	50
HAZARD TO SAFETY	19	UNKNOWN CALL TYPE	7
HOMICIDE	1	US FOREST SERVICE PATROL	95
INCORRIGIBLE JUVENILE	19	VIN INSPECTIONS	2,481
INFORMATIONAL CASE	101	WARRANT SERVICE	347
INTOXICATED SUBJECT	6	WEAPONS OFFENSE	18
LITTERING	2	WELFARE CHECK	94
		TOTAL PATROL INCIDENTS	10,267

COMMUNICATIONS

The Park County Sheriff's Office Communications Division handles calls for the Park County Sheriff's Office, Cody Police Department, Park County Search and Rescue, West Park



Ambulance, and the Cody, Powell, Meeteetse and Clark Fire Districts. In 2014, eight total dispatchers handled 22,988 calls for service which is an 11 percent decrease from 2013. However, this equates to over 2,870 calls per dispatcher. Park County 911 dispatchers play many roles: therapist, doctor, lawyer, teacher, weatherman, guidance counselor, psychologist, priest, secretary, supervisor,

politician, and reporter. And few people must jump through the emotional hoops on the trip through the routine of one caller's request for a phone number, to the fear of another caller's burglary in progress, to the anger of a neighbor blocked in their drive, to the sorrow of a caller who lost their pet, to the stress of an officer's request for help, and back to the phone number request all in a five-minute time frame. But Park County dispatchers accept these responsibilities and handle them with expertise and confidence. In 2014, Park County welcomed two new dispatchers (pictured):



Communications Officer Michelle Horn (left) in February and Communications Officer Taleah Brewer (right) in November. Each has accepted the responsibility of serving the citizens of Park County with courtesy, pride and professionalism.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION CALLS FOR SERVICE

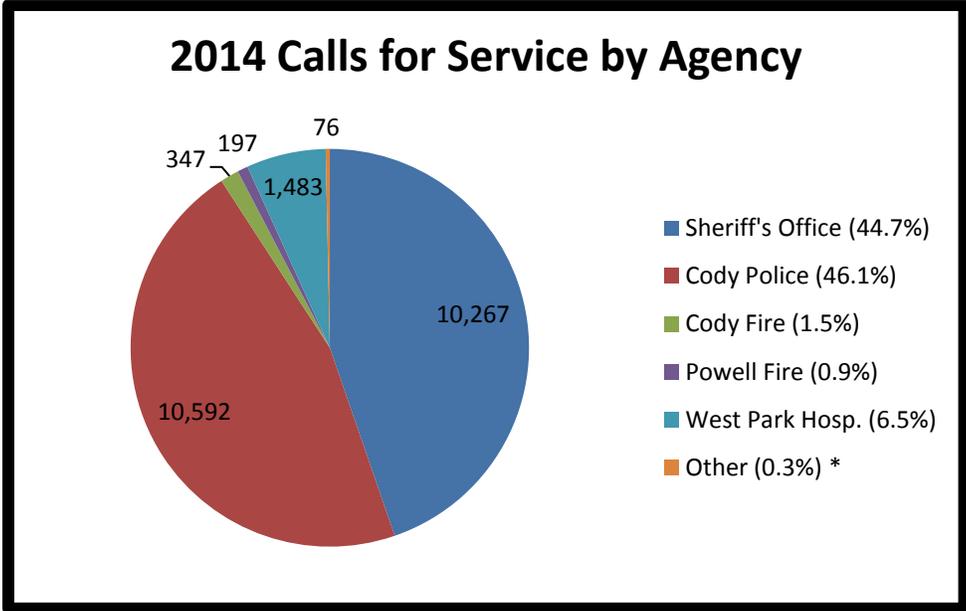
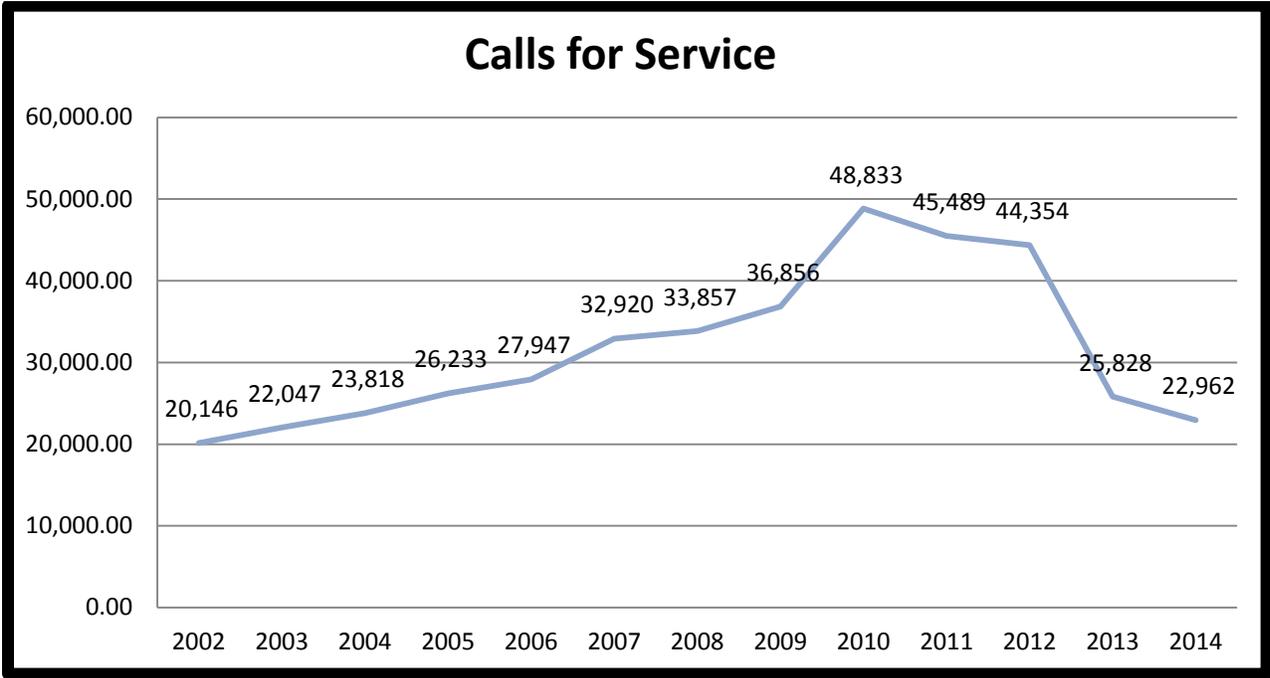
Park County Sheriff's Office	10,267	(-14.02%)
Cody Police Department	10,592	(-12.52%)
Cody Fire Department	347	(+06.77%)
Clark Fire Department	38	(+02.70%)
Powell Fire Department	197	(-06.19%)
Meeteetse Fire Department	38	(+11.76%)
West Park Hospital Ambulance	1,183	(+29.18%)
Park County Search and Rescue	26	(+04.00%)
Total Calls for Service	22,988	(-11.00%)

Controlled Burn Permits

Total Permits Issued	3,747
Cody/Meeteetse Area	1,569
Powell/Garland/Ralston/Clark Area	2,178

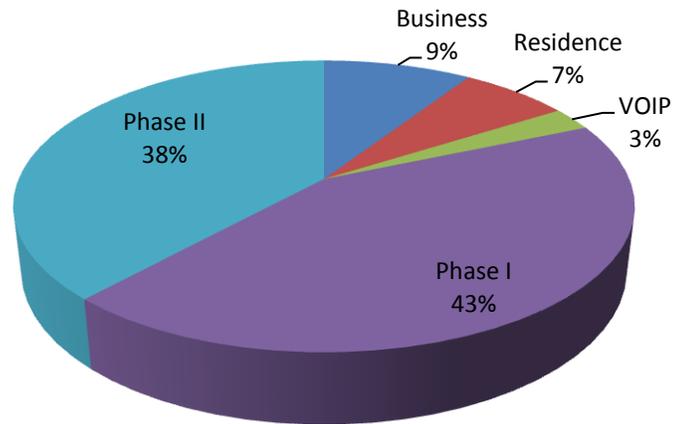
Fire Calls Dispatched

Cody Fire Department	347
Clark Fire Department	38
Powell Fire Department	197
Meeteetse Fire Department	38
Total Fire Calls	544



* Clark Fire / Meeteetse Fire / Search & Rescue

911 Calls by Type of Phone Used



Phase I = Calls originating from a cellular telephone, unable to map location

Phase II = Calls originating from a cellular telephone, able to map location

Business = Call originating from a business landline, able to map location

Residence = Call originating from a residential landline, able to map location

VOIP = Voice Over Internet Protocol, internet-based phone service, able to map location

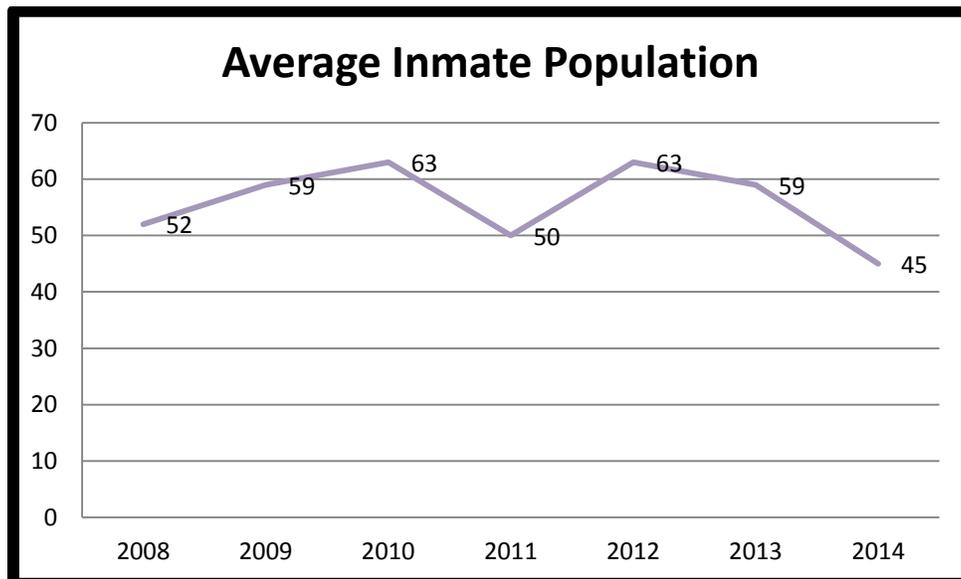
DETENTION

In 2014, the Park County Sheriff’s Office Detention Division booked a total of 1,132 prisoners into the holding facility. This number represents a 5 percent increase in total bookings from 2013. The average inmate population decreased from 59 in 2013 to 45 in 2014, a 24 percent decrease.

TOTAL DETENTION BOOKINGS BY YEAR (Including the percent change from previous year)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Park County Sheriff	271 (+20%)	302 (+10%)	270 (-10%)	256 (-5%)	265 (+4%)
Cody Police Dept.	540 (+17%)	580 (+7%)	429 (-26%)	480 (+12%)	474 (-1%)
Powell Police Dept.	231 (-37%)	187 (-24%)	195 (+4%)	278 (+43%)	331(+19%)
Wyoming Highway Patrol	25 (-20%)	51 (+51%)	52 (+2%)	47 (-10%)	44 (-6%)
Division of Criminal Invest.	23 (N/A)	4 (-475%)	14 (+250%)	9 (-36%)	6 (-33%)
Probation & Parole	4 (N/A)	5 (+20%)	4 (-20%)	8 (+100%)	8 (0%)
New Bookings on New Charges	967 (+10%)	859 (-13%)	947 (+10%)	833 (-12%)	920 (+10%)
Total Bookings *	1,194 (-22%)	1,131 (-6%)	1,145 (+1%)	1,083 (-6%)	1,132 (+5%)

* Includes “weekender” bookings, where someone comes to serve time on weekends only. Also includes 4 bookings by other agencies.



USE OF FORCE - The Park County Detention Center also tracks the use of force incidents against inmates within our care and protection. These incidents are created whenever a detention

deputy has to utilize force against a non-compliant inmate. This can be in the form of compliance holds such as a wrist-lock up to and including the use of non-lethal weapons such as a Taser or pepper spray. We continually strive to keep these incidents to a minimum by providing the best possible training to our deputies in methods to mitigate situations prior to resorting to physical force. Assaults by inmates against officers and each other increased in 2014. As with use of force incidents, we continually strive to minimize inmate assaults through training. All inmates who assault officers or other inmates are prosecuted under state law.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Use of Force Incidents *	12	13	13	21	19
Inmate Assaults	5	4	7	7	2

* Force is used to gain compliance only

TRAINING - The Park County Sheriff's Office once again contracted with TAC*ONE



Consultants of Denver, Colorado for a three-day course in officer survival techniques for detention officers. The training focused on the skills necessary to enhance officer safety and survival skills in situations that may be encountered in a detention facility. Deputies were instructed in techniques designed to mitigate threats and survive possible confrontations. Patrol deputies were

given similar training by TAC*ONE in August of last year. The training included sessions on hand to hand defensive techniques, combat firearms, and prisoner retention, all emphasizing officer survival and situation resolution.

Deputies were required to demonstrate proficiency with their sidearm in a variety of scenarios under stress and taught to read and react to the situation at hand. The sessions in hand-to-hand physical confrontations demonstrated various techniques for securing a combative prisoner and/or bystander while emphasizing officer safety and prisoner control. Each training scenario was designed to mirror



potential real-life situations that the detention deputy could face at any moment during their normal course of duty. The “real-life” scenarios were held at the Park County Courthouse to enhance realism, since prisoner transport to and from court and courtroom security is a normal part of the deputies’ duties.

PERSONNEL – In 2014, the detention facility hired five new deputies. In March, Deputies Mitch Bachman and Brett Tillery (pictured) were appointed detention deputies. Brett is the son of Cody Police Officer Rick Tillery. Then in December, Deputies Cathy Dearing, Michael Clarke and Betty Adams received their commission. Deputy Clarke is a veteran of the United States Army and served 7 years in the Counter Intelligence Unit and 10 years under Homeland Security.



In addition to the new appointments, Deputies Dave Nyreen and Joe Colgrove were promoted from detention deputy to sergeant. As a sergeant it is their responsibility to act as first line supervision for detention management. All appointments and promotions were the result of personnel attrition.

REVENUE GENERATED BY THE PARK COUNTY DETENTION DIVISION *

Jail Housing from the City of Cody	\$ 9,515.00
Fingerprint/Notary/Record fees	\$ 7,429.55
Split Sentencing	\$11,100.00
Inmate Phone system	\$15,211.28
Medical Reimbursement	\$ 3,242.28
Court Restitution	\$ 6,919.94
Total revenue generated in 2013:	\$53,418.05

* All revenues are returned to the Park County General Fund

SEARCH AND RESCUE

The Park County Search and Rescue Unit is comprised of 25 to 30 volunteers, from all walks of life who are ready at a moment's notice to sacrifice their time and put themselves in harm's way to serve the citizens of Park County. They are trained in various skills including but limited to first aid and CPR, wilderness search, aircraft search, urban rescue, swift water and ice rescue, mountain rescue, canine search, avalanche search, land navigation and critical incident stress management. In 2014, the Park County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Unit (SAR) participated in 26 calls for service including several high-profile rescues.



On Saturday, May 10, Search and Rescue (SAR) was activated and began searching for a small



single-engine aircraft that had been reported overdue by the Twin Falls, Idaho Police Department. The plane belonged to elderly two brothers who reportedly left Yellowstone Regional Airport in Cody intending to fly over Yellowstone National Park en route to Twin Falls to visit friends. From there, they intended to fly from Twin Falls to the Seattle, Washington area. Although

according to relatives of the brothers, it was not uncommon for them to deviate from their intended travel plans, however it was unusual for them to be out of contact. A ground search began in the area of Howell Mountain approximately 4.5 miles south of Highway 14-16-20 west at the Buffalo Bill Boy Scout Camp where radar indicated last contact. The teams report that the area of the search is extreme rugged back country with snow depths of three to five feet and steep mountainous terrain. The plane was eventually located using a helicopter out of Sky Aviation in Worland. It



had heavy front end damage but due to the threat of avalanche immediately above the wreckage,

it was impossible to safely insert SAR personnel at the time. Due to the condition of the wreckage, harsh environmental conditions at the site and the fact that there were no signs of recent activity in the area, the brothers were presumed dead. It was not until May 27 that conditions improved enough for SAR personnel to be able to safely evacuate the brothers' bodies.

On June 22, Search and Rescue airlifted a stranded hiker from the Cabin Creek drainage after he had spent two days trapped on top of a rock face in a straight-walled area of the canyon. The hiker had become trapped when he ascended a rock wall anticipating that he could hike out once



he reached the top. However, he had positioned himself in an area that made it impossible for ground units to extricate him. The extreme rugged nature of the terrain combined with approaching adverse weather put the safety of the ground units in question. As a result, a UH60 Black Hawk helicopter from Charlie Company 5-159, Wyoming Army National Guard which was on a training

mission near Lovell was requested to assist in the rescue. After a short reconnaissance flight the Black Hawk flight crew lowered a Park County Search and Rescue member to the hiker. Utilizing a double harness, both the victim and the SAR member were airlifted from the scene and back to the staging area.

On September 23, Search and Rescue began searching for a missing hiker in the area of the Wapiti Campground on the North Fork of the Shoshone National Forest. The hiker set out for a day hike and did not return. He informed his companions that he was going to take a short hike alone before the group set out to visit Yellowstone National Park. He did not give an indication of where he was going and it was unknown if he took food or water with him. SAR immediately began searching the area to the north of the campground. The search had to be temporarily postponed due to darkness. SAR teams were again deployed the next morning at first light.



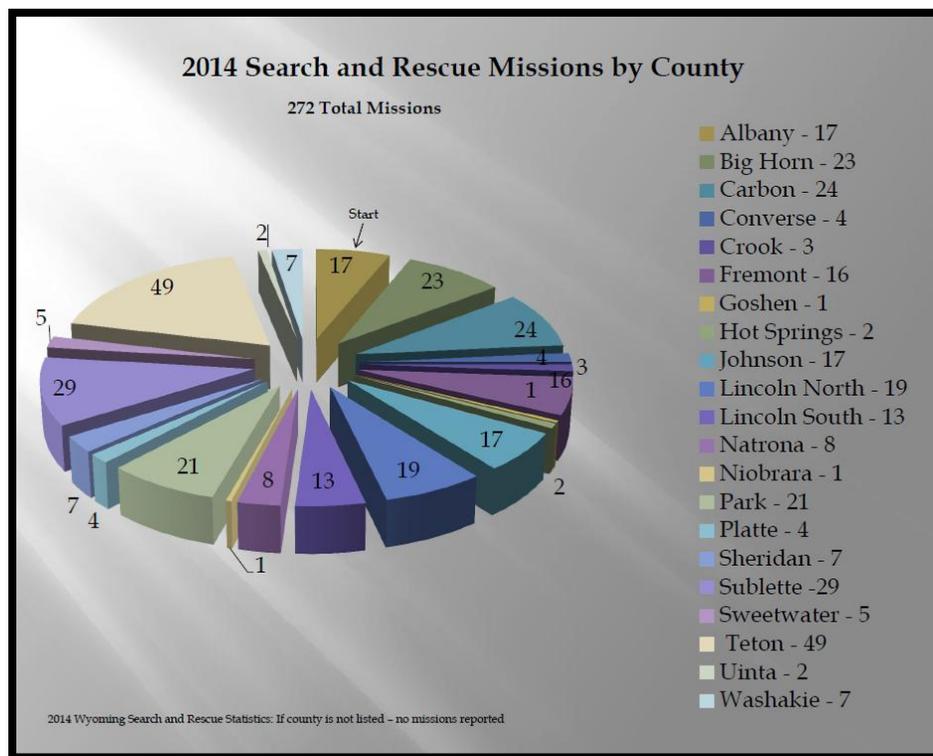
Ground units were aided by a SAR aircraft as well as a fixed wing aircraft from the Civil Air Patrol and a Blackhawk helicopter with forward looking infrared (FLIR) capabilities from Charlie Company 5-159, Wyoming Army National Guard out of Cheyenne. SAR located the hiker alive and well at 2:00 p.m. in the Pagoda Creek drainage.

The mission of the Park County Search and Rescue is to train for, and respond to emergencies which regular department personnel are not trained, equipped or otherwise prepared to handle.



This mission is met by; 1) identifying hazardous areas, activities or situations and assisting in education of the public about these hazards and ways to avoid or minimize them, eliminating or minimizing the hazards if practical; 2) training all Search and Rescue team members in Basic SAR skills and training special teams for more technically demanding SAR emergencies; and

3) responding to calls for assistance in searching for lost or missing persons and rescuing persons in distress within the training and performance capabilities of the SAR personnel.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - In 2014, the Park County Sheriff's Public Affairs Office remained active in promoting positive relations with the media and coordinate community involvement through



proactive program implementation all while maintaining the goals and objectives of the department. There were a total of 63 media releases issued during the year on a variety of topics including 41 news-related media bulletins. The Public Affairs Officer also coordinated several news conferences dealing with the Little Sand Coulee homicide. In addition, 12 safety-related media releases were issued on a variety of

topics including safe driving, holiday safety tips and weather related safety advice. There were also 10 media releases of an informational nature. These include information on new personnel, new technology or how to avoid being the victim of a crime.

FACEBOOK & TWITTER - The Park County Sheriff's Office continued to utilize social media in 2014 to communicate directly with residents through the use of its Facebook page and

Twitter account. These social medium are used to inform and engage the residents of Park County on a variety of topics. Safety messages, emergency bulletins, and agency information are included, but also the accounts are used to distribute information on incidents reported to the sheriff's office that may be of interest to our residents. The intent is to proactively distribute



information that is both informative and safety-oriented in content and when necessary, ask for assistance from residents in emergency situations. We are extremely pleased with the popularity of these accounts. In 2014, the Facebook page grew from 500 followers to over 1,800. One Facebook posting received over 60,000 "hits" nationally. Also, we utilized Twitter during the Hell's Angels Rally to inform the public on the plans and whereabouts of the club.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – The Community Outreach Program insures that the Park County Sheriff’s Office is active in programs designed to serve the needs of county residents while promoting a positive image for department personnel. Examples of these efforts in 2014 included the department’s participation in the annual 4th of July parade and Halloween walk in downtown Cody. The sheriff also served as a presenter of medals for the Park County Special Olympics event for developmentally disabled children. The Sheriff’s Office also participated



in the Park County Wellness Fair in

Powell and conducted several educational programs for local children with deputies visiting their classrooms. Also in 2014, we continued our “Stuff the Truck” program which challenged

county residents to fill a sheriff’s pickup truck with non-perishable food items to benefit local food banks. The truck was parked at local grocery stores on Cody and Powell for a day.



Thanks to their efforts, department personnel, who all

volunteered their time, delivered over a ton of food to local food banks in each city, benefiting those in need. Finally, the Park County Sheriff’s Office partnered with the United States Marine Corps Reserve in their “Toys for Tots”

holiday drive. The mission of the program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the Big Horn Basin.



